(b) if so, what is the Central assistance given to the State Government for the implementation of the drinking water programme during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1986-87 as against the demand together with the reasons for reduction in the financial allocation and

(c) what is the formula adopted to determine the Central allocation under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and whether Government propose to give a second look to the formula for determining the central allocation to enable the State Governments to implement their drinking water programmes uninterrupted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) to (c) The rural drinking water supply is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. It forms a part of the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) of the State. The Central Government only supplements the effort of the State by providing financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Taking into account the Seventh Plan objective of covering the entire rural population with supply of drinking water, the following formula has been devised for distribution of funds under the ARWSP to the States from the second year of the Seventh Plan:—

(1) 50 per cent weightage being given to the rural population in a State (1981 census);

(2) 20 per cent weightage being given to the area of the State;

(3) 20 per cent weightage being given to the incidence of poverty in the State (data taken from NSS 38th round); and

(4) 10 per cent weightage being given to the problem villages which are spill over of the Sixth Plan (list of 1.4.80).

This is further subject to the State Governments making equivalent provision for drinking water under MNP. The Government of Rajasthan has been assured, considering the special problems of the State, funds matching the provision made by the State Government under MNP, even if this results in giving Rajasthan more funds under ARWSP than their share worked out on the basis of the above formula.

The funds given to the State Government during 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 are as given below:

Year	Centrally sponsored ARWSP allocation (Rs. in crores)
1983-84	41.14
1984-85	38.64
1985-86	27.32
1986-87	21.22

There is no proposal to revise the formula for determining the Central allocation under ARWSP for the present.

Special Central Assistance for the tribals

1762. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have specified the amount of special Central Assistance to be spent for tribals outside the Tribal Sub-Plan area from the financial year 1986-87;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the amount allocated for Tribal sub-Plan has been drastically reduced and development plans in Tribal sub-plan area have been affected; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to increase this special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-plan areas at least to the level of assistance given in the year 1985-86?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The Tribal sub-Plan strategy is meant to cover the tribals within the area-specific projects like ITDP, MADA Pockets, Primitive Tribes, etc., and also the tribals living outside such areas/projects. Accordingly during the year 1986-87, allocations for the tribals outside the project areas have been shown separately. The total allocation for the Tribal sub-Plan, including the project areas and the areas outside has thus not been reduced.

Clearance to irrigation projects of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh

1763. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of proposals of major and minor irrigation projects in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are awaiting the clearance of his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details of each of the projects; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in giving sanctions to these irrigation projects and by when these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Two major irrigation projects of Madhya Pradesh are under techno-economic appraisal of C.W.C. at present. Observations of C.W.C. on 15 major projects of U.P. and 11 major projects of Madhya Pradesh received earlier have been forwarded to the State Governments for necessary compliance. The question of recommending these projects to the Planning Commission for clearance would arise after the comments of C.W.C. are complied with.

Minor irrigation projects are not sent to the Centre for clearance.

Setting up of a Central Agricultural University in N.E. Region

1764. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have taken any decision to set up a Central Agricultural University in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, whether the site of the same has been decided upon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not yet.

Audit of accounts of the cooperative societies in Delhi

1765. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cooperative societies in Delhi whose accounts have not been audited for the last three years;

(b) the societies who have not held their elections during the above period; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against such societies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Accounts of 1152 Cooperative Societies in Delhi have not been audited for the last three years.